A part of crude oil is to be imported from Iraq during 1988-89 is to be adjusted against Indian dues of Indian companies in that country.

Cases filed against farmers in Andhra Pradesh for recovery of loans

1648. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Public Sector Banks have filed numerous court cases against small and marginal farmers in Andhra Pradesh for recovery of crop loans;

(b) whether it is a also a fact that many farmers have also been arrested and put behind the bars; and

(c) if so, whether it is the Government's policy to take such harsh measures instead of helping the farmers to come out of their problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent available.

Crisis in the Cashew Industry

@1649. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Cashew Industry in the Southern States of the country have been facing serious crisis;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Central Government propose to take any steps to save this industry by giving financial help; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) and (b) Difficulties under the Monopoly Procurement Scheme introduced by the Government of Kerala and the consequent reluctance on the part of traders to lift cashewnuts together with lower international prices may have an adverse effect on exports of cashew kernels.

(c) and (d) There is no such proposal under consideration. There is a continuing interaction between the Govt., the Cashew Export Promotion Council and the industry to ensure exports.

Extension of term of Sarkaria Committee

1650. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for extending the term of the Sarkaria Committee on reorganisation of Delhi set-up; and

(b) whether the Home Ministry has fixed any definite time for the submission of final report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The Committee have circulated a questionnaire to elicit the opinion of political parties, Government offices/Ministries and important individuals, to enable them to formulate their recommendations. Because of the volume of work involved it has been decided to extend the period for submission of the report by the Committee upto 31st December, 1988.

Setting up of spinning mills in Orissa

1651. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received any application from private sector to set up spinning mills in Orissa;

@Previously Unstarred Question 1364, transferred from the 5th August, 1988.